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From: Sarah McHaney
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 3:48:16 PM
Subject: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

Hi Paula,

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Sarah McHaney, I am a producer at the PBS NewsHour. We are doing a segment tonight on the Animas River in Colorado and the active spill in the region. We are wondering if the EPA is planning on making anyone available to the press today about the situation. We would love to speak to someone either on the national or regional level. Judy Woodruff is the correspondent doing this interview.

We would ask some basic questions about how this spill occurred, how dangerous it is to the community, and what are the efforts already underway to curb the spill. Then bigger picture questions about what a full cleanup will take, if there is a way to prevent future spills of this nature, and if you live near this river what you should be doing in the meantime.

Please let me know as soon as possible if someone is available. We can be somewhat flexible on timing, but our ideal windows are between 4:15pm EST – 5:15pm EST or live at 6:20pm EST.

Thank you,

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